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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRUMLEY SMITH  
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Willard H. Brubeck  
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